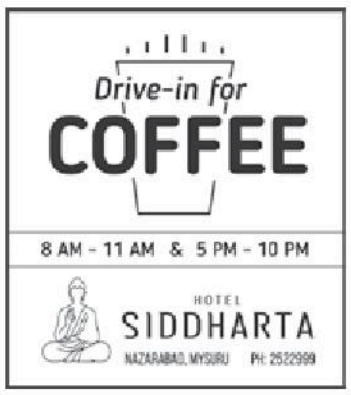

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Mysuru Dasara-2020: Oct. 17-26

Minister inspects arrangements at Palace and Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (MTY&SSV)- Amid COVID-19 pandemic scare, Mysuru is geared up for inauguration of simple Dasara festivities atop Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Oct. 17).

Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Cardiologist and Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, will formally declare open Dasara-2020 between 7.45 am and 8.15 am.

Six Corona Warriors will be felicitated on the occasion. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and others will be present.

This morning, District Minister S.T. Somashekar visited the Mysore Palace and the Chamundi Hill to oversee the arrangements being made.

First, he went to the Palace to see the Dasara jumbo team led by Golden Howdah-carrying elephant Abhimanyu. He offered jaggery and sugarcane to the elephants and interacted with mahouts and kavadis.

The Minister spent around 20 minutes inspecting the ongoing dais work in the Palace premises where the cultural programmes are scheduled to be held from tomorrow.

Later, accompanied by MLAs, S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, the Minister went to Chamundi Hill, the venue of Dasara inauguration.

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	**303**
Total positive cases	:	**43,733**
Discharges yesterday	:	**116**
Total discharges	:	**35,844**
Deaths yesterday	:	**02**
Total deaths	:	**909**
Total active cases	:	**6,980**

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Centenary Convocation: UoM to confer Hon. Doctorate on Sudha Murty

Mysuru, Oct.16 (RKB&DM)- Infosys Foundation Chairperson Dr. Sudha Murty will be conferred doctoral degree (Honoris Causa degree) at the University of Mysore (UoM) Centenary Convocation to take place at the Crawford Hall here at 10.30 am on Oct.19.

Sudha Murty

Announcing this at a press meet at Crawford Hall here this morning, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the Convocation Address virtually. Governor Vajubhai R. Vala, who is the Chancellor of all State-run Universities, will preside.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, will be present on the occasion.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 16th October 2020

Hemmige Navarathri

Parangatotsava from tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Hemmige Srivaishnava Sabha is organising its Online Navarathri Music Fest "Navarathri Parangatotsava" from Oct. 17 to 26.

Renowned artistes like *Ganakalabhushana* Dr. K. Vageesh, Prashanth Hemmige, Vamshidhar, Vasudha Keshav and others will be performing live in social medias like Facebook. **The fest will be held from 6.30 pm on all the days during Dasara as follows:**

Oct.17: Dr. K. Vageesh and troupe (Vocal); **Oct. 18:** R. Veena and troupe (Veena recital); **Oct.19:** Vasudha Keshav and troupe (Vocal); **Oct.20:** G. Mohanrangan and troupe (Flute recital); **Oct. 21:** Sumathi Murari and troupe (Vocal); **Oct. 22:** V. Vamshidhar and troupe (Flute recital); **Oct.23:** Prashanth Hemmige and troupe (Vocal); **Oct. 24:** G. Ravikiran and troupe (Flute recital); **Oct. 25:** Hemmige V. Srivatsan, Keshav Srivatsa and troupe (Violin duet); **Oct. 26:** Dr. K. Varadarangan and troupe (Vocal).

The event will be available in Facebook link *https://www.facebook.com/HemmigeSrivaishnaSabha*, according to a press release from M.S. Vijayaraghavan, Sabha President.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A couple of days ago I had a Punjabi samosa. The size of a two storey building, big, robust, choked with potatoes and peas and so redolent the room reeled with the aroma. It was long time coming in an era where downsizing is seen as classy and little finger foods add sophistication to the meal service. Have a samosa, says the hostess, forwarding a plate of teeny weeny triangles, they are homemade. Delicious, says someone, really tasty, must give me the recipe. Sorry, I cannot say anything, it went down my throat without a chew, didn't even feel it, let alone taste it. So the next one I took, I found it in my hands after a bit of a search and broke it open and there was a part of one pea and a sliver of potato which you could have missed. These are not samosas, these are little sissy simisies.

I am baffled that so many folks are into all these dainty dishes. The other day I was asked if I would like some sliders. Since I hadn't a clue what these are and guessed maybe slippery eels or slithering shrimp I nodded assent and the next thing I knew we had these miniature burgers, each about the size of a postage stamp. Ostensibly they slid down your throat without disturbing your taste buds hence they are called sliders, a drop of mayo, a smidgeon of ketchup, a little patty (veg or non-veg) about the level of a chewing gum blob and you wonder why would do they do this? Burgers are fast food, aimed at self-indulgent cholesterol orgies, not little squares of nothingness. You order a burger it comes with liquid guilt and an abiding promise to oneself that you will restrain in future, not clog your arteries. You bite into it heartily, you do not slide it down the gullet. Even chaat, that great Indian culinary madness has not been spared. You go to someone's home you get a toothpick spearing a little aloo tikki shaped like a scrabble tile or a toytown vada so small you could lose it between plate and lip, you seek it here, you seek it there. And what makes all this even more laughably tedious is that the tidbit is served in dolls house crockery because this is supposed to be la di da and now you are holding onto this sliver of bone china with a shrimp so small that even shrimps would be insulted and you are trying to hara kiri it with a plastic sword except how do you get purchase on a canape that measures half inch by half inch with a small dot in the middle that is food, glorious food.

— Bikram Vohra in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man performs handstand on 23rd floor ledge

Mumbai: Mumbai Police are on a lookout for a man for performing handstand on the ledge of the 23rd floor of a high-rise building in the western suburb of Kandivali in Mumbai. A case has been registered against three people in this regard.

A video of dangerous stunts being performed on the ledge of the top-most floor of Bharat SRA building went viral on social media and came to the notice of the local Police.

The video, widely shared on social media, shows a young man sipping an energy drink, sitting on the edge of the 23rd floor of the building. He then jumps on to the ledge next to it, barely two feet in width, and performs handstand as his associates film the stunt.

An FIR under sections 336 (endangering life or personal safety of others) and 34 (common intention) was registered against the trio and no arrests have been made so far.

'Possessed' creepy doll cries 'real tears'

Wales: A creepy doll some claim is haunted by demons started 'crying' during a ghost hunt in an "unexplainable" development.

Paranormal investigator Matt Tillet was carrying out an inspection at Hideout bar in Wrexham, Wales, when Annie - a doll he brings along with him - started crying "for no reason".

At his most recent investigation at Hideout, he claims to have heard a ghost screaming, the sound of children running around, and made communication with a 170-year-old cobbler. But he doesn't understand what could have caused Annie to be so upset during the hunt.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How beneficial are blood pressure and cholesterol lowering drugs?

Very few people taking blood pressure and cholesterol-lowering drugs are aware of how ineffective they really are at doing what they are supposed to do. Studies show that cholesterol and blood pressure drugs are less than 5% effective over 5 years. So why take them? Does your doctor know this?

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	230
Total positive cases	:	14,390
Total discharges	:	12,380
Total deaths	:	128
Total active cases	:	1,882

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	85
Total positive cases	:	5,368
Total discharges	:	4,491
Total deaths	:	93
Total active cases	:	773

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	158
Total positive cases	:	4,166
Total discharges	:	3,330
Total deaths	:	52
Total active cases	:	784

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	440
Total positive cases	:	22,604
Total discharges	:	18,626
Total deaths	:	348
Total active cases	:	3,630

Really...?

- ***Jakarta has the largest bus network on the planet. In 1828 between La Madeleine and la Bastille in Paris, the first omnibus service started. The word was coined after the name of a hat shop in Nantes called Omnes Omnibus where the first bus line terminated in an early trial. The word omnibus is derived from Latin, meaning for all. The name stuck and the word bus is now recognised in the majority of languages on earth.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man was going in his Ferrari and suddenly had an accident. The car was totally wrecked but somehow the man was safe. Policeman arrives at the scene...
Man: *Officer, my brand new car.*
Officer: *You are such a materialistic person. Sir, you haven't even noticed that your left arm has been cut off !!*
Man looks at his left arm and yells: *Oh My God! My Rolex Watch!!??*

Today's Currency Rate

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.97
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.81

VOICE OF THE READER

Make Pulikeshi Road motorable

Sir,

Apropos the recent drive by MCC to clear the illegal encroachments in certain areas in NR constituency is really a appreciable step. But at the same time I would like to bring to the notice of MCC authorities about the similar condition of one important road, the Pulikeshi road which is a ever busy road connecting almost a dozen areas with Tilak Nagar and Bamboo Bazar area.

Any official travelling on a two wheeler on this road will get a lifetime experience. There are almost a hundred potholes and unscientific road humps which are sure to give you a back ache.

Dozens of cattle too have been making this road their home, thanks to the carelessness of their owners. Also many spots on this road are used to DUMP garbage illegally giving a foul stink added to all other woes already present.

On top of all this a few residents living on sides park their four-wheelers, trucks and few 'temporary' shops are set on the edges of the road on the already narrow lane.

Therefore I appeal to the MCC to kindly take note of this and do the needful to make this road atleast barely motorable.

—Dr. Suhail Azam Khan
on e-mail
Mysuru
13.10.2020

Online vocal concert

Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra

Mysuru, Oct. 16- On the auspicious occasion of Navarathri, a special Karnatak vocal concert by senior artiste Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra will be premiered as part of the weekly online concert series of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, on its YouTube channel at 5 pm on Saturday (Oct. 17) .

Vidwan Bellary Raghavendra hails from a great musical lineage of Haridasa Vijayadasaru. His grandfather, Mundargi Raghavendrachar, was a faculty at Queen Mary's College, Chennai. Raghavendra is blessed to have two illustrious gurus, his father, Bellary Venkateshachar and uncle, Bellary Sheshagiri Achar.

He worked as Assistant Station Director of AIR and has the credit of producing some spectacular musical features. Besides being a graded artiste of AIR in Karnatak classical, devotional and light music, Raghavendra is well versed in Hindustani music, Kunnakol and morching as well. He has given concerts in several reputed platforms in India and abroad.

Vid. Raghavendra will be accompanied in the concert by eminent senior artistes Vid. H. L. Shiavashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. V. S. Ramesh on morching. [Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/stssct*

YouTube: *https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKE-USvk8XXBra6TWQnSA*]

Talacauvery gears up for Theerthodbhava tomorrow

Madikeri, Oct.16- With the Theerthodbhava at Talacauvery, the birth place of river Cauvery in Kodagu district, scheduled to take place at the auspicious time of 7.03 am tomorrow (Oct.17), the Kodagu District Administration is fully geared for the event.

However, the public entry to Talacauvery has been severely restricted this time due to rampant spread of COVID-19 pandemic. All those taking part, have been asked to bring COVID-19 test certificate issued after Oct.14. Only those having COVID-19 negative report are allowed to take part. Also, no devotee is allowed to have holy bath in the Talacauvery pond and collecting holy water from the pond too has been banned. But the holy water will be sprinkled on the devotees and the Temple Committee will itself distribute *Theertha* (holy water) to devotees.

Following directions from the District Administration, the Talacauvery Temple Management Committee has taken measures for strict enforcement of COVID norms which include compulsory wearing of face mask and maintenance of physical distancing.

Ahead of Theerthodbhava, the entire temple premises has been washed and the Police have erected barricades to prevent large gathering of devotees.

As Theerthodbhava is taking place early in the morning, the chances of mist and drizzle covering the place is very high and as such the authorities have erected high mast lights around the area. Also, as a security measure, CC cameras have been installed all around the area and the temple has been illuminated, albeit on a low-scale.

As other safety measures, railings have been erected on the road leading from the foot of Brahmagiri Hill, a few vehicle parking sheds have been erected and exclusive sheds have been erected for conducting health check-up of devotees.

Talacauvery Temple Thakka Kodi Motaiah said that several rituals associated with the event started from Sept.16 itself. The jewellery was brought to Talacauvery temple on Thursday. Although Kodagu is battered by natural calamities and the outbreak of COVID-19, the Theerthodbhava will take place with customary and traditional rituals, he said.

The Temple Committee President Biddatanda Thammaiah said that the temple authorities are strictly following COVID-19 guidelines set out by the Government and the District Administration. Pointing out that separate counters have been set up for sprinkling and distribution of *theertha*, Thammaiah said devotees will only be allowed to offer *seva* near Theertha Kundike. All the devotees should stand in a proper queue, while maintaining safety norms, he added.

As far as Bhagamandala temple is concerned, the famous Bhagandeshwara temple has been illuminated. And additional lighting arrangements have been made all around Bhagamandala and Triveni Sangama.

Kodagu District Minister V. Somanna is scheduled to inaugurate the Rs. 75 lakh building block which houses tonsuring facility, ticket counter and performance of *pujas* and *homas*, today (Oct.16) at Bhagamandala.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Public Auction

The Office of Deputy Director, Department of Animal Husbandry will be conducting a public auction of old discarded materials. The public auction will take place at the office premises on Oct. 28 at 12 noon. Those interested can visit and see the materials on Oct. 23 and Oct. 27 and register themselves by paying a deposit of Rs. 500 along with copy of address proof and passport size photograph. Only registered bidders will be allowed to participate in the auction, according to a press release.

VTU Virtual JobKart-2020

JobKartIndia in association with VTU [Visvesvaraya Technological University], Belagavi and Skill India, is organising "VTU Virtual JobKart-2020, Mysore" from Oct.15 to 23 to coincide with Dasara. With a specific goal to reach out to the rural youths who are constantly deprived of placement support, this event assures to connect nearly 3,000-plus new opportunities for freshers' with 100 plus Companies. JobKartIndia portal also provides Engineering graduates and those pursuing engineering to upskill themselves in interested technical subjects while also allowing them to assess and get the evaluation with answers to those that they have gone wrong. For further details visit: www.jobkartindia.in or call: 88671-25957.

Free online classes

For the benefit of students to improve their communication and maths skills and also to improve the mind and memory power of all those who are 40-plus, a three-month online certificate spoken english and math classes will be conducted from Nov.14 by retired MBA Professor Dr. Lakshman Rao. Interested may contact Mob: 93810-36989.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	3,063 cusecs
Outflow	2,807 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.69 ft
Inflow	2,451 cusecs
Outflow	2,350 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.32 ft
Inflow	2,308 cusecs
Outflow	2,550 cusecs

Dasara: City traffic diverted

From Oct. 17 to 26 between 4 pm and 9.30 pm
Ban on parking; Major roads made one-way

The illuminated Silver Jubilee Clock Tower, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Chamaraja Wadiyar Statue Circles ahead of Dasara-2020 [Illumination timings: 7 pm - 9 pm]

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (KS)- City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, following a report from the Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic), has restricted movement of all types of vehicles (except vehicles of VIPs and VVIPs) on major city roads by creating one-ways and has also banned parking of vehicles on certain roads from Oct. 17 to 26 between 4 pm and 9.30 pm in city.

One-way Roads

1. Roads around Mysore Palace — Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle (Gun House Circle)-Wrestling Arena Junction- B.N. Road-Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle)-Albert Victor Road-New Sayyaji Rao Road-Basaveshwara Circle-Chamaraja Double Road to Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle.

Vehicles are allowed to move in the anti-clock wise direction, by keeping Mysore Palace in the Centre. Movement of vehicles in the clock wise direction (except from Basaveshwara Circle towards East till Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle) is banned.

2. New Sayyaji Rao Road from KR Circle to Govt. Ayurveda Hospital Circle — Vehicles moving from KR Circle via Sayyaji Rao Road should pass through Bata junction-Visveswaraya Circle (Govt. Ayurveda Hospital Circle)- continue on New Sayyaji Rao Road, take a right turn at Yellamamba Temple, continue on Kabir Road-Shree Talkies junction- Mandi Police Station junction to reach Ashoka Road-Mahaveer Circle and Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle.

Vehicles can move in the clock wise direction by keeping the area around the above roads as the centre.

Movement of all vehicles on Kabir Road from Ashoka Road towards New Sayyaji Rao Road is banned.

Also vehicular traffic from Ashoka Road towards New Sayyaji Road is allowed via Akbar Road-Ragi Mandi junction up to Mandi Market junction and motorists from Mandi Market junction via Akbar Road to Ashoka Road is banned.

3. Nehru Circle to B.N. Road Junction — Movement of vehicles from West to East is allowed; East to West no entry.

4. Chamaraja Double Road junction to Banumaiah Chowk — Movement of vehicles from South to North direction is allowed. Vehicular traffic from North to South is banned.

5. N. Madhurao Circle on Tyagaraja Road to Chamaraja Double Road Junction — Vehicular movement is allowed from South to North direction and movement of all types of vehicles from North to South is banned.

Parking banned from 4 pm to 9.30 pm

Parking of all types of vehicles is banned on all roads around Mysore Palace including Town Hall, Doddakere Maidan, Palace Gates and other places, on Sayyaji Rao Road from K.R. Circle to Basaveshwara Circle, B. Rachaiah Circle to B.N. Road junction, Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle (Gun House Circle) to Jayachamaraja Circle (Hardinge Circle), on Ashoka Road from Nehru Circle to Mahaveer Circle (Town Hall), from Mahaveer Circle to Jayachamaraja Circle and also on open places in front of Palace Balarama Gate, Dr. Rajkumar Circle to T.N. Narasimhamurthy Circle, B.N. Road junction (Tank Bund Road in front of Dasara Expo Grounds) to Shalivahana Road (Mysuru Zoo Road) junction, Shalivahana Road junction on Hosa Beedhi 5th Cross in Ittigegud till the East Gate of Dasara Expo Grounds, Vani Vilas Road junction on Manasara Road till Lokaranjan Mahal Road, B.N.Road junction on Male Mahadeshwara Road (Chatrimara) towards East till Channaiah Circle and from the South Gate junction of Government Guest House towards South till Jayachamaraja Circle.

Opposition to Toll Fee collection

Sugarcane truck drivers stage protest at Toll Plaza on Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (KS)- Opposing toll fee collection, more than 50 sugarcane truck owners, driver and farmers, led by Bannari Amman Sugar Factory Lorry Owners' Association Joint Secretary Rajashekar, staged a protest at the Toll Plaza on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road on Wednesday night.

Following assurance from National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Project Director Sridhar, that a discount toll fee of Rs. 40 would be charged for a sugarcane-laden truck and no toll would be collected for empty trucks, the protestors withdrew the stir at about 11.45 pm.

Following the sudden protest, traffic on the Highway was disrupted till the protest was withdrawn. Meanwhile, Rajashekar alleged that no toll fee was being collected from trucks transporting agriculture produce at any Toll Plaza in the State except at Kadakola Toll Plaza on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road and added that the toll fee of Rs. 80 per truck should be paid by the farmers, who are already suffering due to late payment from sugar factories and questioned, how can the farmers pay the toll when they have already suffered losses due to COVID-19 pandemic.

As the Toll Plaza staff insisted on toll fee payment, the truck drivers parked the trucks on the busy Highway and staged a protest. Mysuru Rural Inspector Jeevan, who rushed to the spot, urged the truck drivers to park the trucks on the roadside, following which they removed their trucks from the Highway and made way for smooth flow of traffic.

Meanwhile, NHAI Project Director Sridhar, who arrived at the spot, told the protesting truck drivers that as per the Central Government directive, vehicles transporting agriculture produces should pay the toll fee and also told them toll fee collection would be stopped if they get a letter from the Deputy Commissioner. But the protestors, who opposed it, continued the protest.

Rajashekar, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that they have been submitting memorandums to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) since four months urging for toll relaxation for sugarcane transporting trucks and said that as the DCs are changing frequently, they were yet to receive the letter. We will not pay the toll fee, he added. Finally, after NHAI Project Director fixed a toll fee of Rs. 40 per truck and no toll for empty trucks, the protest was withdrawn at 11.45 pm, Rajashekar said.

Exclusive Interview

"Namma doctor" to open Mysuru Dasara-2020

Dasara-2020 will go as a most memorable event in the history of Mysuru. Firstly, it is being held amid threat of COVID-19 pandemic. Secondly, it will be inaugurated by a medical doctor and a COVID Warrior who has given a fresh lease of life to thousands of families.

In a tete-a-tete with this correspondent, Dr. C.N. Manjunath, a noted Cardiologist and Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, who will open this year's Dasara festival atop Chamundi Hill tomorrow, shared nostalgic memories of his student days in Mysuru. From being a spectator of world-famous Dasara festival, he feels it as a big honour for a person from the medical fraternity to open the centuries-old "People's festival."

Despite his busy schedule, Dr. Manjunath spoke to *Star of Mysore* to share his happiness on being invited to inaugurate Dasara festival which according to him was worth more than any award that he had received in his 40 years of service in the field of Medicine. Excerpts.—Ed

Dr. C.N. Manjunath with his wife Dr. Anusuya Manjunath and children Dr. Satvic and Dr. Namratha.

"Crowd and COVID-19 go together. So, we need to be more careful. Avoid crowd as much as possible during Dasara. A vaccine is expected in next two months or sometime during the beginning of 2021. Till then we must be very, very careful."

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Star of Mysore (SOM): What was your reaction when Mysore District Minister S.T.Somashekar announced that you will inaugurate this year's Dasara festival?

Dr. C.N. Manjunath: For a moment I could not believe that a great honour is bestowed upon me. It was really a great feeling and a lifetime opportunity for me. I deem it as a honour for the whole medical fraternity which is working day and night in the service of COVID-19 patients. My *pranams* to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Government of Karnataka for selecting me to open this historical event. Dasara festival has put Karnataka in general and Mysuru in particular in the world map, and it was a matter of pride that I am inaugurating this event that too in the premises of Sri Chamundeshwari Amma temple, the presiding deity of Mysuru.

SOM: When did you see Dasara festival in Mysuru for the first time?

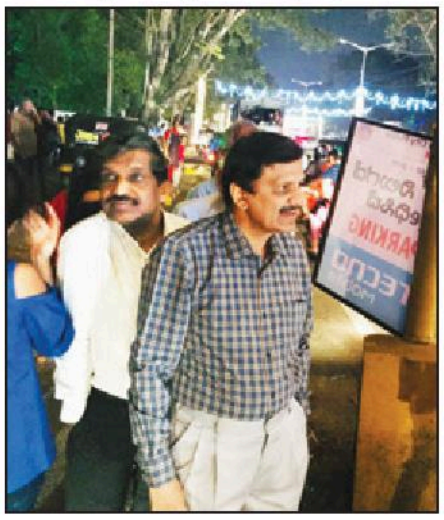
Dr. Manjunath: When I was five or six years old, my father Sri Chamarajegowda had brought me to Mysuru to watch *Jumboo Savari* procession and the Maharaja seated on elephant that passed through main roads of the city. Though I don't remember the place from where I saw the procession but the face of Maharaja is still etched in my mind. In fact, my father was born during Dasara and because of this reason he was named as 'Chamaraje Gowda' as a mark of respect for the Maharaja of Mysore. Since then I have high regards for the Mysore rulers.

SOM: What about your days as student of Mysuru?

Dr. Manjunath: I completed by PU studies from Sarada Vilas College and did MBBS from Mysore Medical College (MMC). I also completed first year MD from Mysore and then went to Bangalore Medical College. As students, we have seen the *Jumboo Savari* in front of MMC and many a times got drenched in rain that occurred several times when the procession reached Ayurveda College Circle. Two years ago, I came to Mysuru with my 5-6 friends and walked on all illuminated streets like KR Circle, D.Devaraja Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Bannimantap for nearly two-and-a-half hours recollecting memories. I still remember about my relatives coming to Mysuru during Dasara festival to watch *Jumboo Savari* procession.

SOM: What is so special about this city that will attract lakhs of tourists to Mysuru every year?

Dr. Manjunath: One of the major things that attract visitors to Mysuru is Dasara and Mysuru royal family. The kings of Mysore never acted as autocrats and always thought about people's welfare. They gained respect of every citizen through their deeds. At a time when India had not attained freedom, the Mysore rulers had started 'Prajaprathinidhi' sabha (on the lines of present Legislative Council) in which people from various sections of society, were made as members to discuss about welfare programmes. I have never seen such benevolent kings anywhere in the world.



Dr. Manjunath with his friends enjoying Dasara illumination two years ago.

SOM: You are opening Dasara at a time when the pandemic has eclipsed Nada Habba. How do you feel?

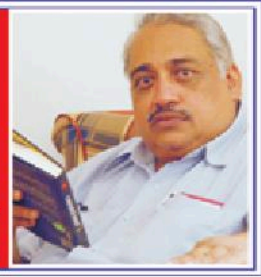
Dr. Manjunath: It is true that COVID-19 has wreaked havoc in almost all countries. Understanding the gravity of situation, the State Government has decided to celebrate this year's Dasara in a simple manner. As a doctor, I will appeal to people to be a part of Dasara festival by taking basic precautions like face mask, hand hygiene and social distancing. Crowd and COVID-19 go together. So, we need to be more careful. Avoid crowd as much as possible during Dasara. A vaccine is expected in next two months or sometime during the beginning of 2021. Till then we must be very, very careful.

SOM: What will be your attire for tomorrow's inauguration?

Dr. Manjunath: In tune with tradition, I will be wearing the Silk panche (dhoti), Silk shirt and Silk shalya and, of course, the traditional Mysuru Peta. On this occasion, I wish every one a Happy and Safe Dasara ▪

Dr. Manjunath's parents Nanjappa (Chamaraje Gowda) and Sombamma.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The Pleasure & Pain of Saving Trees !

My good friend **N. Raghavan of Raghulal & Co** who needs no introduction to Mysureans, has perhaps the unique distinction of not only having planted the largest number of roadside shade trees in and around our city but also protecting every one of them with tree guards till they are fully grown. Yes, he has provided nearly twenty thousand tree guards, completely free of cost and it is because you can see the name of his firm on them that I said that he and his work need no introduction to anyone.

Dipping tree guards in tar. Picture right shows Raghavan's team removing the tree guards.

Moreover, I have written about him and his work once before in this column. I have always found that whenever the people of any area request him for tree guards, he despatches a truck load of them instantly. **Earlier he used to use green painted, metal tree guards for his mission and of late, having perhaps been bitten by the eco-friendliness bug, he has switched over to bamboo ones which I think is actually a very good idea.**

Day in and day out, in some area or the other, you can see his men engaged in the rather laborious process of meticulously dipping the lower end of these bamboo tree guards in tar, to enable them to resist termite attack, before fixing them around newly planted trees. Very recently, when I noticed that many of his more expensive metal tree guards had finished serving their purpose, with the trees they protected having grown tall and robust, I suggested to him that he should start removing and reusing them elsewhere.

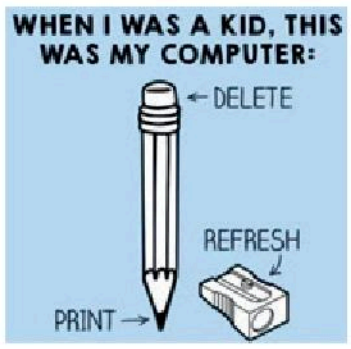
Finding that my suggestion made some sense he launched a parallel mission to put it into action and that is when he ran into trouble. Removing metal tree guards from grown up trees is not easy. They have to be cut up. So he arranged for a diesel generator, mounted on a luggage autorickshaw, which could power a cutting tool. While his men were engaged in cutting and removing the tree guards in one locality, the residents of that area mistook them to be thieves trying to steal them!

Even when the beleaguered men summoned their boss to come and rescue them, it did not help much till Raghavan himself managed to contact the local Corporator, requesting him to come to his rescue. But even their own elected representative had a pretty difficult time explaining to the residents that their tree guards were being removed only to be put to use elsewhere to protect the newly planted trees in that area.

In another locality too Raghavan and his team ran into a similar situation and were taken to task by the residents until **Dr. T. N. Balakrishne Gowda**, the orthopaedic surgeon from Apollo Hospital, who resided nearby and was therefore well-known to everyone present there and thankfully to Raghavan too, happened to arrive on the scene by chance and defused the potentially explosive situation !

When Raghavan called me up after these two incidents to tell me of his travails, I was naturally pretty amused. **So I suggested to him that henceforth he should perhaps inform the local Police Station and ensure that a Police Constable is posted to oversee the theft, before 'stealing' his own tree guards from that area!** With his great faith in my wisdom, he is faithfully following my suggestion now and has even affixed a big banner identifying his team, on the autorickshaw that carries his dismantling equipment as you can see in the picture!

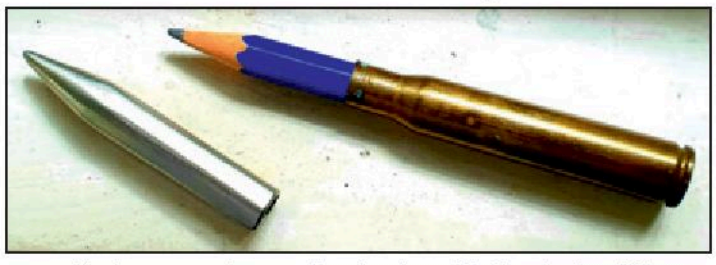
Of the Relics from my Past!



The 'Tell All' drawing!

My recent article about the lessons that we should all learn from the life of a humble pencil seems to have become a runaway hit with my readers, going by the spate of responses I have been getting since two weeks.

Shashi, a school teacher at Manipal now, who is my close friend from our first year B.Sc days at Dharwad in the year 1973, after reading my article online has sent me a very interesting drawing that tells us how things were in our good old days. It makes much sense as you can all see. Many readers also wanted me to post a picture of the pencil extender which I had devised as a school boy, from the empty cartridge case of my father's rifle.



My home-made pencil extender with Tsering's gift!

Since I hold not only my childhood but also my childhood longings and belongings too, very close to my heart, I decided to fish it out of the stash of treasured memorabilia from my past. Thankfully, I succeeded but only after rummaging through things that have brought many fond memories flooding back to me! You can see it in the picture alongside.

I used it to extend my pencils not only during my school days but all through my B.Sc and MBBS too, where it was ideal to extend the already short colour pencils that I had to use for the drawings in my practical records, every one of which I have carefully preserved to this day!

Incidentally, the pointed stainless steel pencil cap that you also see in the picture was a gift given to me by my Tibetan friend, **Chock Tsering** when we parted company after completing our PUC in the year 1971. We first met when we were in the fifth standard in the **St. Mary's English Middle School.** That was the time when the children of many Tibetan refugees from the **Gurupura** and **Bylakuppe** camps near Hunsur, joined our school. Tsering was from the former while another boy Sonam Wangyal was from the latter.

The three of us became very close friends because of my unending interest in their stories of how they came across the Himalayas with their belongings, trekking on foot or riding Yaks by day and camping in freezing mountain valleys by night. I quickly picked up their language too because they used to always converse in Tibetan and I used to always sit between the two of them, throughout our school days!

Since any language has great bonding properties, my fairly good proficiency in the Tibetan language helped me very much when later on in life when I served as the visiting physician to the Tibetan camp at picturesque Odeyarpalya during my stint in the **Holy Cross Mission Hospital** at Kamagere in Kollegal taluk. While Sonam became a pharmacist, Tsering graduated as a Doctor from the St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru in the year 1977 and is now a neurologist settled in the USA, practising in Monroe, North Carolina. **I'm sure that when he reads this article online, he will be touched with my tribute to our dear friendship and also delighted to know that I still have his tiny gift among my most treasured things!**

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Minister inspects arrangements atop Chamundi Hill

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Officials told him that seating arrangements have been made only for 200 persons as per recommendation of the three-member Technical Team.

All invitees will be subjected to thermal screening near the statue of Mahishasura. Four separate blocks have been created to accommodate 70 persons in one block, 30 in another block and 50 persons each in other two blocks.

Due to COVID-19 threat, only 50 VVIPs (dignitaries), 50 media personnel, 50 officials from various departments and 50 hill residents will be allowed at the inauguration venue.

The chairs have been placed with safe distance as per guidelines of the Union Health Ministry. Every invitee must exhibit the Corona negative report to gain entry inside the venue.

Talking to reporters after the inspection, Somashekar said the inauguration of Dasara atop Chamundi Hill and cultural events at the Palace will be held as per COVID-19 guidelines. Only 30 VVIPs will be allowed to sit on the spacious dais.

Invitation for Mysuru Dasara had been given to all Ministers and 224 MLAs but a majority of them will not come due to Coronavirus scare. Among Ministers, Agriculture Minister B.C.Patil will be the only one to participate in the inauguration function.

The Minister said Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will be arriving in Mysuru this evening and chairing a meeting to review COVID-19 situation in city and district. He will stay overnight and participate in Dasara inauguration tomorrow atop the Hill.

CLOSURE OF TOURIST SPOTS

Delegation of Travel Associations to meet CM this evening

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (PM&SSV)- A delegation of associations connected with travel and tourism industry is planning to meet Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa this evening and appeal him to direct the District Administration to revoke the order on the closure of all tourist spots in and around city till Nov. 1.

Addressing a joint news conference here this morning, B.S. Prashanth, President, Karnataka Tourism Forum, Mysore Division and C. Narayanagowda, President, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, said they were very much 'unhappy' with 'unscientific' and 'unilateral' decision for the closure of all tourist spots from Oct. 17 to Nov. 1 to check spreading of pandemic.

The tourism industry has hit the rock bottom since March following outbreak of Coronavirus. They had expected revival of their business during Dasara but that also washed away due to the closure of tourist spots. Now, tourists will go to Waynad in Kerala or Ooty in Tamil Nadu during Dasara vacation and it will be a big loss for Karnataka, the observed.

Many of them have taken bank loans to buy and operate tourist vehicles. Dasara is the only time when thousands of tourists flock the city to see important tourist spots and closing down them now was nothing but a wrong idea, they alleged.

The State Government is planning to celebrate this year's Dasara in a simple manner by spending Rs.15 crore. Let them distribute Rs.10 crore among all those who are directly or indirectly dependent on tourism. For courtesy sake, the District Administration should have consulted all stakeholders before taking such a drastic step, they noted.

They said on the one hand the District Administration has closed tourist spots and on the other hand the Mysuru City Corporation has launched a drive to collect taxes. How is it possible for us to pay taxes when COVID-19 had delivered a deadly blow to tourism industry, they asked.

They said a delegation of all associations concerned with tourism will be meeting the CM this evening and request him to revoke the closure order in the interest of tourism industry.

Mysuru Travels Association President H. Shivalingaiah, Mysore Travel Mart President C.A. Jayakumar, Mysuru Approved Tourist Guides Association President Ashok, Mysuru District and City Maxicab Owners' Welfare Association President A.C. Ravi, Mysuru District Tourist Bus Owners' Association President Pruthviraj and others were present.

UoM Centenary Convocation

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Pointing out that, incidentally, the 100th Convocation (Centenary) is taking place on the same date (Oct.19) when the first convocation was addressed by the erstwhile Mysore Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar on Oct.19, 1918, he said that **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually address the Centenary Convocation at 10.30 am.**

Continuing, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said as a precautionary and safety measure in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the entry will be limited to just 100 persons, inclusive of 30 gold medal winners, who will be awarded medals on the occasion.

The degree award programme will take place at 2.30 pm, during which, top rankers and high scorers in each department and subjects will be given degrees in batches of 25 each. Pointing out that in total, 29,018 candidates will be receiving degrees, he said that in all, 654 candidates will be receiving Ph.D Degrees in various subjects.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar further said that the programmes will be live streamed on three digital screens installed near the Senate Bhavan, Vijanana Bhavan and University Centenary Hall.

Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan were present at the press meet.

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Cannon firing drill held for Abhimanyu and team

21 rounds from seven cannons were fired at the parking lot while Dasara elephants stayed inside

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (MTY&KS)- To acclimatised five Dasara elephants to the booming sound of cannons, a firing drill was held at the parking lot near Varaha Gate of Mysore Palace yesterday evening. This is the first phase of the cannon drill to the elephants.

Unlike previous years, this year, -Howdah elephant Abhimanyu, *Pattada Aane* Vikram, *Nishane Aane* Gopi and *Kumki* elephants Kaveri and Vijaya - along with 26 horses from the Mounted Police force were brought close to the Varaha Gate inside the Palace, while the cannons were fired outside. City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta was present.

The elephants were not brought to the parking lot to prevent people from crowding in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

The seven cannons were fired by the Cannon Unit personnel led by ARSI Siddaraju and five personnel for each cannon was deployed, who fired 21 rounds using 1.80 kg gunpowder for each cannon in five minutes.

While the five Dasara elephants stood firm when the cannons were fired, a few horses panicked to the booming sound. Another round of cannon firing would be conducted after three days.

As Dasara is being celebrated in a simple manner and the *Jumboo Savari* limited inside the Mysore Palace premises, only five elephants have been brought from various Elephant Camps to participate in Dasara.

These Dasara elephants, led by Abhimanyu, who is carrying the Golden Howdah for the first time, have been housed in the Palace premises and are put on nutritional diet.

They are undergoing training for the *Jumboo Savari* and Abhimanyu is undergoing weight lifting training so that he can carry the whooping 750 kg Golden Howdah with ease at the grand finale.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) M.J. Alexander, Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Surendra, City Armed Reserve (CAR) Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shivaraju, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Sudarshan and others were present.

What started as a military honour to the then rulers, high ranking officers and guests in the 18th century by the East India Company, the 21-gun salute is still in practice to pay respect to the presiding deity of Mysuru during *Jumboo Savari*.

The 21-gun salute, the highest, is given only to rulers or top rank officers.

Rail Museum illuminated for Dasara festivities

Mysuru, Oct.16-The Rail Museum located on KRS Road will be illuminated with LED lights during the 10-day Dasara festivities from Oct. 17 to 26.

The working hours of the museum (10 am to 6 pm on normal days) is extended by two hours, that is up to 8 pm. All the outdoor exhibits like vintage steam locomotives, hand cranes, inspection coaches, etc., have been illuminated to give a spectacular look.

The Rail Museum is an interesting place to know about the long and epic journey of Railways in India spanning over 160 years.

The renovated museum has a fascinating collection of vintage steam locomotives and the other new amenities such as audio-visual media centre, playground for kids, coach cafe, view tower, are worth watching. South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division authorities, led by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Aparna Garg inspected the illumination works on Oct. 14.

Entry to KRS, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary banned from Oct. 24 to 31

Mandya, Oct. 16 (KS) - Following Dasara festival being celebrated in Mysuru from Oct. 17 to 26 and Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) ordering closure of all tourist places in Mysuru District to prevent inflow of tourists as social distancing and other COVID guidelines could not be followed, Mandya DC Dr. M.V. Venkatesh too has banned tourist entry to KRS and Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary from Oct. 24 to 31 to prevent tourists visiting KRS and Bird Sanctuary from crowding Mysuru.

A moment of glory for Corona Warriors

Recognition is the best thing that any Government can do to boost the morale of those who are working day and night for a cause. As COVID-19 pandemic spread its tentacles all over the country, doctors, para-medical staff, cops and pourakarmikas are working self-less for the well-being of society. In recognition of their services, the Government of Karnataka is felicitating the following six Corona Warriors from different fields on Dasara inauguration day atop Chamundi Hill tomorrow.

Dr. T.R. Naveen

I am very excited to receive honours during Dasara. This is not a honour for myself but also for my doctor friends, lab technicians, D-Group employees and others. We were assigned to keep an eye on those foreign returned persons under home quarantine, create awareness among people and explain those who were coming out of home quarantine about danger in spreading to others. We started the first COVID-19 testing centre at Primary Health Centre, Jockey Quarters and collected hundreds of swab samples daily. A close coordination with doctors helped to keep the pandemic under check.

I completed MBBS from Adichunchanagiri Medical College and worked in private hospital for two years. Then, I got selected for the Government service and worked as doctor in Hunsur Ratnapuri Health Centre. I have bagged Best Medical Officer award also.

—Dr. T.R. Naveen, Corona Testing Centre, PHC, Jockey Quarters

Maragamma

None can dismiss the services of pourakarmikas in the ongoing pandemic. I am very happy to accept this honour. This award is for all my colleagues. I used to see Dasara from near K.R.Hospital and I will be seeing it from a close angle tomorrow. I am working as pourakarmika for the last 18 years. I will appeal people to follow safety norms to defeat Corona.

—Maragamma, MCC pourakarmika

Ayub Ahmed

I have performed last rites of 350 persons who died of Corona. In the fear of COVID-19, we must not forget humanity. My 21 years of self-less service will go waste if I did not rise to this occasion. I have seen people not coming to perform last rites of their dear ones out of fear. Humanity will vanish if they become panic. My only appeal is to wear PPE kits and perform last rites of your relatives. As a kid, I have seen Dasara with my grandfather.

I am elated that the Government has recognised my 'little' service to humanity. I appeal to the Government to grant me two ambulances and a place to construct a home for orphaned. God has blessed me with a good wife, kids and parents who support my work.

— Ayub Ahmed, Messiah of unclaimed bodies

P.M. Rukmini

Florence Nightingale is my role model. I consider this honour as gift of God. I am working in District COVID Hospital since the beginning. Earlier, there was no death of patients and all of them were going back home after recovery. I would feel happy to see them leaving the hospital with smile on their faces. My duty as Incharge Matron at District COVID Hospital is my most memorable duty in my 23 years of service. Born and brought up in Maragodu village in Madikeri taluk of Kodagu district, I was working in Cheluvamba Hospital for the last 10 years. I am 48 years old and so far, cold, cough and fever has never come near me. I have undergone COVID testing twice and tested negative on both occasions. I talk to Corona positive patients daily and instill confidence in them.

—P.M. Rukmini, Staff Nurse, District COVID Hospital

Noor Jaan

I have never seen Dasara festival in my life due to huge crowd. But I have enjoyed seeing it in television. I am feeling very happy that I am witnessing Dasara inauguration. I am accepting this honour on behalf of all ASHA workers. Initially, I used to visit the houses of Jubilant Generic Company workers to paste Quarantine stickers. I would feel scared when those residents tested positive. Initially, Nanjangud had attracted the entire State's attention due to more and more employees testing positive for Corona.

At that time, we were deputed to Housing Board Colony and surrounding areas where the workers stayed. Braving scorching heat, we visited their houses to stick Quarantine stickers and test family members for BP, sugar and other diseases. I cannot forget the love and affection showered on me by residents of Nanjangud town. They took my care by offering buttermilk, juice and biscuits.

—Noor Jaan, ASHA worker

P. Kumar

P. Kumar, a Police Constable, is working in City Police Commissioner's Office. He has been selected from Police Department for the honour. Hailing from Kalkunike in Hunsur taluk, he is the son of Puttegowda and Mahadevamma. He is married to Vani, a teacher at St. Mary's School and blessed with a girl child.

Undergo COVID test before it is too late, DC appeals to public

Rohini Sindhuri

Mysuru, Oct.16 (SBD&SSV)- Delay in undergoing testing has been one of the main reasons for increase in COVID-19 deaths in Mysuru district, observed Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

Speaking live on facebook live on Oct. 14, she said COVID-19 pandemic was spreading everywhere resulting in increase in Corona positive cases every day. Its intensity had increased especially in the last one-and-a- half-months. Mysuru District stood second after Bengaluru in reporting Corona positive and casualties.

The district has reported 42,789 positive cases from March to Oct. 14 and 900 persons have lost lives. Auditing of COVID-19 deaths had revealed that delay in undergoing test had been the main cause for more deaths. Mysuru has contributed 10 per cent of the total deaths reported in Karnataka, she bemoaned

Rohini said people with symptoms of fever, cough and cold stay back at home and take medicine by treating it as common. This casual attitude has increased death rate in the district. Along with wearing face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing, it was also important to undergo COVID-19 test. They must go for immediate testing in case of variation in health or came in contact with Corona positive patients. These preventive steps will help to reduce the mortality rate.

Giving example from death audit report, she said a 43-year-old person had mild fever but he stayed back at home for one week and did not bother to undergo COVID-19 test. Subsequently, he faced breathlessness and died. Age was not a matter for this pandemic as it will take toll of those who neglect without undergoing free testing.

The District Administration has taken a number of steps to prevent Coronavirus and ramped up free testing especially in crowded places. Citizens of Mysuru and outsiders must undergo test compulsorily and take treatment if they tested positive.

Strict health guidelines must be followed by patients who are under home quarantine. It is good for home quarantine patients to keep oximeter at home to check the oxygen level time to time. They must contact doctors immediately if oxygen saturation level drops to less than 90, she said.

Police Constable recruitment exam

Mysuru, Oct.16- The written exam for recruitment of Armed Police Constables (men) will take place at 14 centres across the city on Oct.18.

A total of 6,801 candidates are eligible to write the exam, which will take place from 11 am to 12.30pm. All the candidates are required to arrive at their respective centre at least 90 minutes before the commencement of the exam. The exam will be conducted with SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) in place.

The centres include Mahajana PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, Gnanaganga Vidyapeetha, St.Philomena's PU College, Bannimantap, Government PU College, Kuvempunagar, Vijaya Vittala PU College, Saraswathipuram, Maharani's Arts College on JLB Road and Maharani Women's Commerce and Management College, among others.

All the candidates are required to compulsorily wear face mask and carry pocket hand sanitisers to the exam hall.

Obituary

C. Jayaramu

Mysuru, Oct. 16- C. Jayaramu (69), an industrialist, proprietor of Tulasi Polymers at Yadavagiri Industrial Area and Secretary of MySSIMA, passed away at his residence in city yesterday morning.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this morning at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Sheela Naidu

Sheela Naidu (53), a teacher at Kenchalagoodu Government School in the taluk and a resident of LIC Colony in Srirampura, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband Chinnaswamy Naidu, son Sachin and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

Chandru

Chandru (33), son of Deviramma and Chikkanna of Jettihundi village, Yelwal hobli, passed away yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, sister, brother and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Jettihundi Burial Grounds this afternoon.

Mysuru Dasara-2020 Events

DASARA EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 17)

7.45 am to 8.15 am atop Chamundi Hill

Inauguration of Dasara-2020 atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru by Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Cardiologist and Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru; Felicitation to Corona Warriors — Dr. T.R. Naveen, Medical Officer, HHMBG Hopital, Mysuru City; Rukmini, Senior Staff Nurse; P. Kumara, Police Constable, CPC-110, Mysuru City Police; Maragamma, Pourakarmika, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC); Noor Jaan, ASHA Worker, City Primary Health Centre, Nanjangud and Ayub Ahmed, who performs last rites of unclaimed bodies.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Chemical and Fertilisers Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi, Deputy Chief Minister and PWD & Social Welfare Minister Govind M. Karjol, Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education, Information Technology, Biotechnology, Sciecne and Technology, Skill Development, Enterpreneurship and Livelihood Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and Deputy Chief Minister and Transport Minister Laxman Sangappa Savadi will be the guests of honour.

Co-operation and Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Tourism, Kannada & Culture and Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister C.T. Ravi and Muzrai, Fisheries, Ports and Inland Water Transport Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary, Mayor Tasneem, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) President Parimala Shyam will be the chief guests. Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda will preside.

6 pm at Mysore Palace

Inauguration of Dasara Cultural Programme and presentation of 'Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan' Award at Mysore Palace. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will inaugurate. Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman K. Prathapachandra Shetty, Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, Co-operation and Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Tourism, Kannada & Culture and Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister C.T. Ravi, Mayor Tasneem and ZP President Parimala Shyam will be the chief guests. Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas will preside.

7 pm to 9 pm
Illumination of Palace and City Roads, Circles.

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 17)

- **Mysore Palace:** Sharannavarathri Festivities, fixing Simha to the throne, **6.15 am to 6.30 am;** Kankana Dharane to his Highness at Chamundi Thotti and Kankana Dharane to her Highness at Vanivilas Devaramane on arrival of Kankana from Chamundi Thotti, **7.45 am to 8.15 am;** Arrival of Pattada Ane, Pattada Kudure and Pattada Hasu at Sawar Thotti, **10 am;** Commencement of Kalasha Puja, etc., Rituals related with Simhasanarohana, **10.45 am to 11.05 am;** Ascending the throne, bringing Goddess Sri Chamundeshwari Ammanavaru from Chamundi Thotti to Kannadi Thotti, **11.45 am.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 24th Sharannavarathri Mahotsava, Sri Mahaganapati Puja, Punyahavaachana, Mahasankalpa, Ankurarpane, Naandi Kalasha Sthapane, Mahabhisheka, Sri Shailaputri, Srividya Vanadurga Puja, Saptashati Parayana, Lalithopakhyana Parayana, Sri Chakrarchane, Navavarana Puja, **8.30 am;** Sri Mahavishnu Dashavatara Homa, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Indian Railways:** Rail Museum and illumination, KRS Road, opposite CFTRI Main Gate, **10 am to 8 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Weekly online concert series, Karnatak vocal concert by senior artist Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra, accompanied by senior artistes Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Trust's YouTube channel *[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKEUSvk8XXBra6TWQnSA]*, **5 pm.**
- **Hemmige Srivaishnava Sabha Cultural Wing, Mysuru:** Navarathri Parangatotsava — Online Navarathri Music Fest, vocal recital by Dr. K. Vageesh and troupe, Facebook link https:/www.facebook.com/HemmigeSrivaishnaSabha, **6.30 pm.**

Cultural programmes at Mysore Palace

Shubha | *Vid. Shashank* | *Vid. Rahul* | *Vidu. Geetha* | *Ambayya Nuli* | *Narasimha*

Rajesh Krishnan | *Varijashree* | *P.K. Rajashekar* | *Vid. Shafique* | *Vid. Karthik* | *Vid. Giridhar*

The following cultural programmes have been organised at Mysore Palace premises from Oct. 17 to Oct. 24 as part of Dasara-2020

- **Oct. 17 - 8 pm to 9 pm** : Dance Feature by Shubha Dhananjay and troupe, Bengaluru.
- **Oct. 18 - 7 pm to 9 pm** : Flute Recital by Vid. Shashank Subramanyam and troupe, Hassan.
- **Oct. 19 - 7 pm to 8 pm** : Devotional Songs by Vid. Rahul Vellal and troupe, Bengaluru; **8 pm to 9 pm:** Panchaveena by Vidu. Geetha Ramanand and troupe, Bengaluru
- **Oct. 20 - 7 pm to 8 pm** : Vachana Gayana by Ambayya Nuli and troupe, Raichur; **8 pm to 9 pm:** Dasavani by Puttur Narasimha Nayak and troupe.
- **Oct. 21 - 7 pm to 9 pm** : 'SPB Nudi Namana' by Rajesh Krishnan and troupe, Bengaluru.
- **Oct. 22 - 7 pm to 8 pm** : Police Band; **8 pm to 9 pm:** Fussion Music by Varijashree Venugopal and troupe, Bengaluru.
- **Oct. 23 - 7 pm to 8 pm** : Folk Songs by Honnaru Folk Singers - Dr. P.K. Rajashekar and troupe, Mysuru; **8 pm to 9 pm:** Hindustani-Karnatak Classical Music Jugalbandhi by Vid. Shafique Khan (Sitar) & Vid. Karthik Nagaraj (violin) and troupe.
- **Oct. 24 - 7 pm to 9 pm** : Layataranga by Vid. Giridhar Udupa and troupe, Bengaluru.

NOTE: As there are COVID-19 restrictions in place, all the events will be telecast live.

Jumboo Savari on Oct. 26

File photo

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will inaugurate the Dasara Procession *(Jumboo Savari)*, that marks the end of the 10-day Navarathri celebrations at the Palace premises in the auspicious *Kumbha Lagna* between 3.40 pm and 4.15 pm on Oct. 26 in the presence of the titular head of Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Co-operation and Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Mayor Tasneem as the chief guests. MLA S.A. Ramdas will preside.

Earlier, *Nandi Dhwaja Puja* will be performed at the Palace North Gate (Balarama Gate) between 2.59 pm and 3.20 pm in *Makara Lagna*.

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My Spy (E)	(S-1)	11 am, 5 pm, 8.30 pm
The Lion King (E-2D)	(S-1)	2.00 pm
Shivarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Kannum Kannum Kollaiyadithaal (Ta)	(S-2)	4.40 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-2)	8.15 pm
	(S-3)	11.30 am
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-3)	8.00 pm
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

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Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-1)	2.55 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
Shivarjuna (K)	(S-2)	3.30 pm
Kannum Kannum Kollaiyadithaal (Ta)	(S-1)	7.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Kings XI Punjab returns to winning ways

Big-hitting West Indian Chris Gayle continues his merry ways

Sharjah, Oct. 16- There was a drama in the final over, but Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) returned to winning ways after beating Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by eight wickets in Match 31 of the Dream11 Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

KXIP had moved to 170/1 after 19 overs and needed just 2 runs to complete their second win. But, Chahal, bowling the final over, held his nerve and did a remarkable job as KXIP could only score a run from the first five balls and also lost Gayle after he was run out on the penultimate delivery.

With 1 needed from the last ball, there was a possibility of yet another Super Over. But, Nicholas Pooran slammed a six on the final ball and took KXIP home.

Needing 172 runs to win, KXIP openers K.L. Rahul and Mayank Agarwal made a watchful start as KXIP scored 5 from the first two overs.

Rahul, then creamed a six off Chris Morris in the third over as KXIP moved to 18/0. RCB introduced spin into the attack in the fourth over and Mayank opened his shoulders as he scored two fours and a six off Yuzvendra Chahal.

Rahul and Mayank hit two sixes and a four between them in the next two overs and completed yet another fifty-run stand as KXIP moved past fifty at the end of the six overs.

Mayank added one more six and four to his account but got out for 45 in the eighth over after Chahal broke through his defence to give RCB their first breakthrough after the 78-run opening stand.

RCB kept the things extremely tight in the next three overs, allowing KXIP only 10 runs.

Rahul, though tonked two mighty sixes in the 12th over bowled by Mohammed Siraj as KXIP crossed the 100-run mark. Chris Gayle joined the six-hitting party as he went after Washington Sundar in the next over.

While RCB bowled two quiet overs, conceding just seven runs, Gayle took on Siraj in the 16th over, hitting two sixes and a four and in that process, brought up the fifty-run partnership with Rahul.

The big-hitting West Indian continued his merry ways and completed his half-century in the next over, slamming two sixes off Washington Sundar.

Earlier, KXIP made three changes to their side as Deepak Hooda, on debut for KXIP, Chris Gayle and Murugan Ashwin were named in playing XI. Meanwhile, RCB remained unchanged.

After RCB elected to bat, Aaron Finch hit a six in the first over off Glenn Maxwell and followed it up with an aerial shot over mid-on for four in the second over.

While Devdutt Padikkal creamed a four and a six over the course of the next two overs, he was done in by an Arshdeep Singh's delivery that gripped a little more than Padikkal had expected and he ballooned one to the short cover to get out for 18.

Virat Kohli announced his arrival in style, hitting two fours – a Kohli special cover drive and then, a flick – off the first three deliveries he faced before adding one more four to his account in the sixth over as RCB moved to 57/1 at the end of the powerplay.

Although Finch got a life on the first ball of the seventh delivery, he got out on the next ball after M. Ashwin snaked one through the right-hander's defence to give KXIP their second wicket.

Washington Sundar then joined Kohli in the middle and KXIP managed to keep things tight, conceding just 21 off the next 21 deliveries. At the halfway stage, RCB were 83/2, with Kohli batting on 25 and Washington Sundar unbeaten on 13.

The pressure KXIP applied, worked as Ashwin picked his second wicket after Washington Sundar tried to break the shackled and was caught in the deep in the 11th over.

KXIP continued their good work with the ball as the spinners did not let RCB up the ante. The next three overs saw RCB score 15 runs and move past hundred.

Dube, who was batting on 8 off 12 balls at the end of the 14th over, shifted gears and did it in some style. The left-hander tonked two successive sixes off Bishnol to take RCB past 120.

KXIP though picked three wickets in the course of next three overs. In the 16th over, Chris Jordan, with a short ball, had Dube caught.

Mohammad Shami, bowling the 18th over of the innings, then struck big as RCB lost AB de Villiers and Kohli. First, the right-arm pacer dismissed de Villiers after the batsman mistimed his shot and gave an easy catch to Deepak Hooda near extra-cover. Two balls later, Kohli got out for 48 after Rahul completed a diving catch.

RCB were 137/6 after the end of 18 overs and needed a big finish and Chris Morris and Isuru Udana did just that as the two added 34 runs in the last two overs.

Morris cranked a six in the penultimate over bowled by Jordan before going after Shami in the final over. Morris hit a four on the first ball before he and Udana creamed three sixes off the last four balls to take RCB to 171/6 at the end of the 20 overs. While Morris remained unbeaten on 25 off 8 balls, Udana scored 10* off 5 balls.

BRIEF SCORES

Kings XI Punjab 177/2 (K.L. Rahul 61*, Chris Gayle 53; Yuzvendra Chahal 1/35) beat **Royal Challengers Bangalore** 171/6 (Virat Kohli 48, Chris Morris 25*; Murugan Ashwin 2/23) by eight wickets.

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Tomorrow's Matches (OCT. 17)

RR Vs RCB
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **3.30 pm (IST)**

DC Vs CSK
Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Sharjah, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

KXIP 177/2 (20 Overs) beat **RCB 171/6 (20 Overs)**

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The 3 Records held by RCB

Dubai, Oct. 16 - IPL-2020 is underway and all the 8 teams are giving a robust opposition to each other. Out of all of them, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) has been no smaller than any other team. They have come back with more dynamism this year.

RCB has also got a distinguished set of players including the Indian cricket captain, Virat Kohli who is holding 3 records on behalf of the RCB team.

1. **The leading run-scorer in IPL history — Virat Kohli.**
2. **AB de Villiers as the player who has played the most IPL matches among all the overseas players.**
3. **The record for the highest strike rate in an innings in IPL history is held by Chris Morris.**

Even though the team didn't win a single IPL Champion's Trophy, they have always proved themselves with the support of the fans. Hence, this is the reason they are brilliantly holding these amazing records. But, that's not all. RCB fans expect the team to get more such wonderful records in the future!

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